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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO DON JAMIESON

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO
CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JAMIESON AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. MESSAGE RESPONDS TO JAMIESON MESSAGE OF APRIL
7 SENT OTTAWA SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I UNDERSTAND YOUR COLLEAGUE, THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES
AND ENVIRONMENT, WAS INFORMED ON APRIL 20 OF THE DECISION
BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, MRS. KREPS, CONCERNING THE
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PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL PLAN AFFECTING CANADIAN
SALMON TROLLING OFF THE U.S. WEST COAST WHICH WAS THE
SUBJECT OF YOUR MESSAGE TO ME OF APRIL 7, 1977.

ALTHOUGH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ABLE TO BE RESPONSIVE
TO THE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE MANAGE-
MENT PLAN AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA REQUESTED, I WANT YOU

TO KNOW THAT THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE

POINTS RAISED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE DECISION TO APPROVE THE PLAN WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THE DETERMINATION WAS MADE THAT CONSERVATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF OUR DOMESTIC LAW COULD NOT BE FULFILLED WERE THE COUNCIL PLAN TO BE MODIFIED AS REQUESTED BY CANADA.

I BELIEVE THIS DECISION, WHICH RESULTS IN A REDUCTION OF U.S. AND CANADIAN TROLL FISHING EFFORTS ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS, IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT OF 1977 WHICH RECOGNIZED THAT EACH GOVERNMENT MUST MANAGE FISHERIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION WITHIN THE TERMS OF ITS DOMESTIC LAWS. CERTAINLY BOTH SIDES UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT, SUCH AS THAT TO PRESERVE EXISTING PATTERNS OF FISHERIES, REFERRED TO THE CONTINUATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS AND COULD ONLY BE APPLIED IN A MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE DOMESTIC LAW.

CONGRESS IS MOVING FORWARD TOWARD PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION APPROVING OUR FISHERIES AGREEMENT FOR 1977, AND I AM HOPEFUL THE AGREEMENT WILL BE FORMALLY IN FORCE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. I KNOW YOU SHARE MY STRONG INTEREST IN UTILIZING THE PERIOD REMAINING IN 1977 TO ATTEMPT TO REACH MORE LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND OFFSHORE RESOURCE INTERESTS WE SHARE. OUR OFFICIALS ARE REVIEWING LONG-TERM APPROACHES, AND WE HOPE TO RENEW

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THIS EFFORT VERY SHORTLY.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS SHARE THE CONVICTION THAT A LONG-TERM BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT TO GOVERN THE INTERCEPTION OF PACIFIC COAST SALMON BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES' FISHERMEN OFF OUR TWO COASTS IS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND REAL IMPORTANCE. OUR SIDE IS PREPARED TO BEGIN THESE LONG-TERM DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT DELAY AND AS A MATTER OF

HIGH PRIORITY. I HOPE THAT BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND OUR CONCERNED FISHING COMMUNITIES CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION POSITIVELY AND COOPERATIVELY TO THIS EFFORT WHOSE LONG-TERM BENEFITS ARE SO MUCH IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST. SINCERELY YOURS. CYRUS VANCE. END TEXT
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